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	C.	2,485,531	10/18/49	Dzus et al.	128	92	01/13/48
	D.	2,600,395	06/17/52	Domoj et al.	87	13	06/01/51
	E.	3,946,740	03/30/76	Bassett	128	334	10/15/74
	F.	4,109,658	08/29/78	Hughes	128	340	02/04/77
	G.	4,319,428	03/16/82	Fox	47	42	12/28/79
	H.	4,345,601	08/24/82	Fukuda	128	339	04/07/80
	I.	4,373,530	02/15/83	Kilejian	128	334R	06/29/81
	J.	4,384,389	05/24/83	Sato	24	136K	01/19/81
	K.	4,409,974	10/18/93	Freedland	128	92	06/29/81
	L.	4,456,270	06/26/84	Zettl et al	279	62	12/08/81
	M.	4,621,640	11/11/86	Mulhollan et al.	128	340	01/09/84
	N.	4,635,637	01/13/87	Schreiber	128	337	03/29/84
	O.	4,657,461	04/14/87	Smith	411	340	10/26/84
	P.	4,731,084	03/15/88	Dunn et al.	623	13.19	03/14/86
	Q.	4,738,255	04/19/88	Goble et al.	128	92YF	04/07/86
	R.	4,741,330	05/03/88	Hayhurst	123	43R	06/04/87
	S.	4,779,616	10/25/88	Johnson et al.	606	148	07/20/87
	T.	4,809,408	03/07/89	Abrahamson	24	136K	09/21/87
	U.	4,828,439	05/09/89	Giannuzzi	411	37	05/15/87
	V.	4,870,957	10/03/89	Goble et al.	606	73	12/27/88
	W.	4,917,700	04/17/90	Aikins	623	13.19	08/01/88
	X.	4,926,860	05/22/90	Stice et al.	606	144	02/05/88
	Y.	4,935,027	06/19/90	Yoon	606	146	08/21/89
	Z.	4,946,467	08/07/90	Ohi et al.	606	228	03/08/89
	AA.	4,946,468	08/07/90	Li	606	232	12/08/89
	BB.	4,957,498	09/18/90	Caspari	606	146	11/07/89
	CC.	4,981,149	11/01/91	Yoon et al.	128	898	06/07/90
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	C.	5,037,422	08/06/91	Hayhurst	606	72	07/02/90
	D.	5,046,513	09/10/91	Gattorna	128	898	11/20/89
	E.	5,059,201	10/22/91	Asnis	606	144	01/22/91
	F.	5,062,344	11/05/91	Gerker	87	8	04/12/90
	G.	5,085,661	02/04/92	Moss	606	139	10/29/90
	H.	5,147,166	09/15/92	Harker	411	29	10/22/90
	I.	5,203,787	04/20/96	Noblitt et al.	606	232	11/19/90
	J.	5,217,495	06/08/93	Kaplan et al.	623	13.18	11/13/90
	K.	5,224,946	07/06/93	Hayhurst	606	72	04/05/91
	L.	5,263,984	11/23/93	Li	623	13.18	04/22/92
	M.	5,304,184	04/19/94	Hathaway et al.	606	144	10/19/92
	N.	5,324,308	06/28/94	Pierce	606	232	10/28/96
	O.	5,326,205	07/05/954	Anspach, III et al.	411	43	05/27/92
	P.	5,330,442	07/19/94	Green	606	232	10/09/92
	Q.	5,330,488	07/19/94	Goldrath	606	148	04/09/93
	R.	5,354,298	10/11/94	Lee et al.	606	72	02/17/93
	S.	5,376,118	12/27/94	Kaplan et al.	623	23.72	03/26/93
	T.	5,383,905	01/24/95	Gold et al.	606	232	10/09/92
	U.	5,405,352	04/11/95	Weston	606	148	04/09/91
	V.	5,405,359	04/11/95	Pierce	606	232	04/29/94
	W.	5,417,699	05/23/95	Klein et al.	606	139	12/10/92
	X.	5,417,712	05/23/95	Whitaker et al.	606	232	02/17/94
	Y.	5,431,666	07/11/95	Sauer et al.	606	139	02/24/94
	Z.	5,445,167	08/29/95	Yoon et al.	128	898	09/28/92
	AA.	5,450,860	09/19/95	O'Connor	606	224	08/31/93
	BB.	5,454,823	10/03/95	Richardson et al.	606	148	02/07/94
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	C.	5,486,197	01/23/96	Le et al.	606	232	03/24/94		
	D.	5,499,991	03/19/96	Garman et al.	606	148	12/19/94		
	E.	5,505,735	04/09/96	Li	606	72	06/10/96		
	F.	5,514,159	05/07/96	Matula et al.	606	232	09/13/94		
	G.	5,522,820	06/04/96	Caspari et al.	606	148	11/09/94		
	H.	5,527,322	6//18/96	Klein et al.	606	144	11/08/93		
	I.	5,527,343	06/18/96	Bonutti	606	232	11/23/94		
	J.	5,531,792	07/02/96	Huene	623	16	06/14/94		
	K.	5,540,703	07/30/96	Barker Jr. et al.	606	139	11/30/94		
	L.	5,545,180	08/13/96	Le et al.	606	232	04/28/94		
	M.	5,549,617	08/27/96	Green et al.	606	144	02/21/95		
	N.	5,553,360	09/10/96	Lucas et al.	24	136K	05/19/95		
	O.	5,562,689	10/08/96	Green et al.	606	151	02/08/95		
	P.	5,573,542	11/12/96	Stevens	606	144	08/17/94		
	Q.	5,584,835	12/17/96	Greenfield	606	73	09/08/94		
	R.	5,601,558	02/11/97	Torrie et al.	606	72	10/13/94		
	S.	5,609,597	03/11/97	Lehrer	606	139	05/03/95		
	T.	5,611,801	03/18/97	Songer	606	73	11/29/94		
	U.	5,613,974	03/25/97	Andreas et al.	606	144	06/01/94		
	V.	5,618,290	04/08/97	Toy et al.	606	139	01/24/95		
	W.	5,618,314	04/08/97	Harwin et al.	606	232	12/13/93		
	X.	5,626,614	05/06/97	Hart	606	232	12/22/95		
	Y.	5,630,824	05/20/97	Hart	606	139	06/01/94		
	Z.	5,632,748	05/27/97	Beck, Jr. et al.	606	72	12/22/94		
	AA.	5,645,589	07/08/97	Li	623	16	08/22/94		
	BB.	5,647,874	07/15/97	Hayhurst	606	72	06/07/95		
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	D.	5,702,398	12/30/97	Tarabishy	606	72-75	02/21/97
	E.	5,725,529	03/10/98	Nicholson et al.	606	72	12/06/93
	F.	5,725,541	03/10/98	Anspach III, et al.	606	151	02/27/97
	G.	5,741,281	04/21/98	Martin	606	148	05/07/96
	H.	5,741,282	04/28/91	Anspach, III et al.	606	151	01/22/96
	I.	5,766,250	06/16/98	Chervitz et al.	623	13	10/28/96
	J.	5,782,863	07/21/98	Bartlett	606	232	07/30/96
	K.	5,791,899	08/11/98	Sachdeva	433	173	06/07/96
	L.	5,792,152	08/11/98	Klein et al.	606	144	04/26/96
	M.	5,797,927	08/25/98	Yoon	606	144	09/22/95
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	O.	5,814,052	09/29/98	Nakao et al.	606	148	06/29/95
	P.	5,814,072	09/29/98	Bonutti	606	232	11/15/96
	Q.	5,843,111	12/01/98	Vijfvinkel	606	171	05/19/97
	R.	5,860,991	08/11/98	Klein et al.	606	144	08/22/97
	S.	5,860,992	01/19/99	Daniel et al.	606	145	01/31/96
	T.	5,902,311	05/11/99	Andreas et al.	606	144	06/15/95
	U.	5,904,692	5//18/99	Steckel et al.	606	139	04/14/97
	V.	5,911,721	06/15/99	Nicholson et al.	606	72	03/10/97
	W.	5,921,994	07/13/99	Andreas et al.	606	144	10/07/97
	X.	5,935,129	08/10/99	Mdevitt	606	72	03/07/97
	Y.	5,941,901	08/24/99	Egan	606	232	04/16/98
	Z.	5,944,724	08/31/99	Lizardi	606	104	10/30/97
	AA.	5,947,982	09/07/99	Duran	606	139	04/02/97
	BB.	5,948,000	09/07/99	Larsen et al.	606	232	08/28/97
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	C.	5,961,538	10/05/99	Pedlick et al.	606	232	04/10/96		
	D.	5,968,044	10/19/99	Nicholson et al.	606	72	02/02/96		
	E.	5,980,558	11/09/99	Wiley	606	232	09/30/97		
	F.	5,980,559	11/09/99	Bonutti	606	232	11/04/97		
	G.	5,984,933	11/16/99	Yoon	606	148	07/29/97		
	H.	6,001,104	12/14/99	Benderev et al.	606	80	02/20/97		
	I.	6,001,109	12/14/99	Kontos	606	148	10/14/98		
	J.	6,007,566	12/28/99	Wenstrom	606	232	10/31/97		
	K.	6,010,525	01/01/00	Bonutti et al.	606	232	08/01/97		
	L.	6,022,360	02/08/00	Reimels et al.	606	144	08/03/98		
	M.	6,033,430	03/07/00	Bonutti	606	232	06/30/99		
	N.	6,036,699	03/14/00	Andreas et al.	606	139	03/26/97		
	O.	6,045,571	04/04/00	Hill et al.	606	228	06/01/99		
	P.	6,045,572	04/04/00	Johnson et al.	606	232	10/16/98		
	Q.	6,048,351	04/11/00	Gordon et al.	606	144	04/10/98		
	R.	6,051,006	04/18/00	Shluzas et al.	606	148	04/12/99		
	S.	6,086,608	07/11/00	Elk et al.	606	232	01/14/97		
	T.	6,096,051	08/01/00	Kortenbach et al.	606	144	03/19/99		
	U.	6,102,934	08/15/00	Li	606	232	06/02/98		
	V.	6,117,160	09/12/00	Bonutti	606	215	06/01/99		
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	X.	6,143,004	11/07/00	Davis et al.	606	144	08/18/98		
	Y.	6,146,386	11/14/00	Blackman	606	103	02/04/99		
	Z.	6,146,406	11/14/00	Shluzas et al.	606	232	02/12/98		
	AA.	6,156,056	12/05/00	Kearns et al.	606	232	12/07/98		
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	C.	6,206,895	03/27/01	Levison	606	144	10/06/99
	D.	6,217,592	04/17/01	Freda et al.	606	145	10/05/99
	E.	6,228,096	05/08/01	Marchand	606	139	03/31/99
	F.	6,241,736	06/05/01	Sater	606	104	05/11/99
	G.	6,267,766	07/31/01	Burkhart	606	72	05/28/99
	H.	6,280,474	08/28/01	Cassidy et al.	623	16.11	07/27/99
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	X.	6,585,730	07/01/03	Foerster	606	232	08/30/00
	Y.	6,638,279	10/28/03	Bonutti	606	60	04/16/01
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	G.	6,780,198	08/24/04	Gregoire et al.	606	232	02/15/02		
	H.	6,855,157	02/15/05	Foerster et al.	606	232	02/04/02		
	I.	6,860,887	03/01/05	Frankie	606	104	11/05/05		
	J.	7,104,999	09/12/06	Overaker	606	142	06/28/03		
	K.	2003/0167062	09/04/03	Gambale	606	232	03/13/03		
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	M.	2004/0093031	05/13/04	Burkhart et al.	606	232	04/03/03		
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	Q.	2005/0277986	12/15/05	Foerster	606	232	06/01/05		
	R.	2006/0271105	11/30/06	Foerster	606	232	08/02/06		
	S.	2006/0271060	11/30/06	Gordon	606	232	05/26/05		
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